



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0056; FRL-10201-01-OMS]**

**Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Fossil Fuel Fired Steam Generating Units (Renewal)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Fossil Fuel Fired Steam Generating Units (EPA ICR Number 1052.13, OMB Control Number 2060-0026), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through November 30, 2022. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* on April 8, 2022 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An Agency may neither conduct nor sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before [insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0105, online using <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method), or by email to [doCKET@epa.gov](mailto:doCKET@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460.

The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Muntasir Ali, Sector Policies and Program Division (D243-05), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-0833; email address: [ali.muntasir@epa.gov](mailto:ali.muntasir@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

*Abstract:* The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Fossil Fuel Fired Steam Generating Units (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart D) apply to each fossil fuel fired steam generating unit with heat input rate of 73 megawatts (MW) (250 MMbtu/hr) or more, which commenced construction, reconstruction, or modification after August 17, 1971. Subpart D regulations apply to both electric utility and industrial boilers. This regulation was supplanted by NSPS Subpart Da for electric utility steam generating units in 1978, and by NSPS Subpart Db for industrial-institutional-commercial boilers in 1986. In general, all NSPS standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance, and are required of all affected facilities subject to NSPS.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Owners and operators of fossil fuel fired steam generating units.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart D).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 660 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Semiannually.

*Total estimated burden:* 71,500 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$18,500,000 (per year), which includes \$9,900,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is no change in burden from the most-recently approved ICR as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. This is due to two considerations: 1) the regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years; and 2) the growth rate for this industry is very low or non-existent, so there is no significant change in the overall burden. Since there are no changes in the regulatory requirements and there is no significant industry growth, there are also no changes in the capital/startup or operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

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